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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 30, 2002 in which restriction between the inventions of Group I and Group II was required.

Applicant elects the process invention of Group II, claims 4-8, 10 and 13-16 to a device without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims 2, 3, 9, 11, 12.

A favorable action is respectfully requested.

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